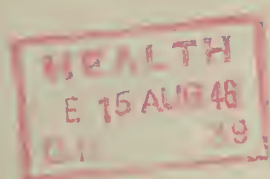


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BILLES DON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1945.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	49,728
Registrar General's estimate of population..	6,747
Number of inhabited houses	2,136
Rateable value	£33,799
Sum represented by penny rate	£138

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>District</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Birth Rate	19.0	16.1.
Death Rate	9.3	11.4.
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	62	46

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (i) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - A. E. Sweeting, Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board. Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute. Member of the Sanitary Inspector's Association.

The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor and is a whole time Officer.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Milk examinations (bacteriological)	130
Sewage and Water Analyses	34
Sputa for T.B.	33
Urine (general and bacteriological)	9
Swabs for Diphtheria	7
Milk for fat content	2
Milk for Phosphatase Test	2
Blood for Wassermann Test	1
Miscellaneous	1

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) WATER

During the year 21 samples of drinking water were taken from springs, wells, etc. for bacteriological examination. Of these 7 were found to be perfectly satisfactory whilst in 4 cases the water was so bad that the wells had to be closed. With regard to the remaining 10, whilst not as good as they should be, were considered safe for drinking after boiling.

Number of Parishes with piped	
water supply	8
Number of Parishes with supply	
from private reservoir	9

No complaints of serious shortage of drinking water were received except in three cases, viz. a private house at Tilton / another at Cold Newton and a farm at Whatborough.

During the year a mains supply was laid on to 38 houses.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1945 was 407 and during the year 2,442 emptyings were carried out. During the year 71 inspections were made of sewers and outfall dykes and all the outfall ditches receiving effluent were cleansed. Where obstructions and fractures occurred in piped sewers, these were dealt with immediately.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Food all sewers having manholes and the disposal tanks, were treated for rat infestation.

The much needed cleansing of the water courses running through the village of Great Glen was carried out. The work was satisfactorily done by P.O.W. labour and several hundreds of tons of silt, vegetable growth and other obstructions were removed. The undertaking has proved well worth while. So far as the provision of new sewerage schemes for the district is concerned, progress is being made in preparation of details for the various schemes.

2.(i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1945:-

Privies	117
Pail Closets	1420
Water Closets... ..	579

Number of privies converted to water carriage	
system during the year	4


(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected and disposed of in the following manner:-

Great Glen and Burton Overy - Contract. Disposed of by crude tipping in two pits.

Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Tilton, Scraftoft, Hungerton, Billesdon, Skeffington and Keyham - direct labour. Disposed of by controlled tipping.

The contents of privy pails, ashpits and cesspools in the villages of Great Glen and Burton Overy are collected by Contract whilst in the remaining villages mentioned above the work is carried out by direct labour. Nightsoil is disposed of by trenching into arable land and the contents of cesspools is spread on grassland. During the year the service suffered a great deal owing to the acute shortage of labour but nevertheless the scheme was kept working on a skeleton basis. Towards the end of the year, the labour position improved a little but the desired standard has not yet been reached. Furthermore, the types of vehicles and apparatus are now out of date and the provision of a new outfit is being considered.



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(iii) SALVAGE

What little is being collected is being done by the Council's workmen.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including those given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of complaints received 81
Total number of defects or nuisances
discovered 75

Nature of inspections

	<u>Inspected</u>	<u>Re-inspected</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)+	1140	153
Other premises	19	7
Food premises	8	-
Dairies and cowsheds	17	-
Inspections re water supplies	24	-
Visits re infectious diseases	23	-
Sewers and watercourses	71	-
Refuse collection	2	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds	1	-
Refuse tips	27	-
Workshops	10	-
	<u>1342</u>	<u>160</u>

+ Note - of this figure, 1081 houses were inspected under the Rural Housing Survey.

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1945	6	1
Issued during the year	22	3
Complied with during year	21	3
Statutory action necessary	2	-
Outstanding 31st. December, 1945	8	-

Statutory

Outstanding 1st. January, 1945	14	-
Issued during year	2	-
Complied with during year	11	-
Outstanding 31st. December, 1945	5	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers</u>
Number on the Register... ..	143	43
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year ...	-	-
Number of contraventions found during the year... ..	2	-
Number of contraventions remedied during the year... ..	-	-
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. December	2	-

The two contraventions relate to unsatisfactory premises, structural improvements being necessary in both cases.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938

Samples were taken during the year and with the exception of one all were Grade 1 standard.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

During the year 64 tins or containers of various foodstuffs were surrendered as being unfit for human food, the main causes being blown tins or badly damaged containers

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1140 +
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	2292 +
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	1
		Number of inspections	6
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	67 +
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	747

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	21
	Number rendered fit by Owners... ..	14

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

	Number of Notices served	2
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+ + + The greater proportion of these figures relate to the Rural Housing Survey.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the
Year

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	14	13	-
Whooping Cough	14	-	-
Measles	139	-	1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	6	3	2	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	3	1	3	4	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	16	17	12	16	48	12	6	5	1	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

2 Scarlet Fever cases not included above, P.O.W. and Military

1 Diphtheria case not included above - Military

(These cases were dealt with by the Military Authorities)

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1945

AGE GROUPS	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-pulmonary M	Non-pulmonary F	Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-pulmonary M	Non-pulmonary F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	3	1	-	1	1	2	-	-

SCABIES

During the year 39 people (Women and children) were treated at the Council's Clinic for Scabies. Of this number 24 were evacuees, whilst the remainder were permanent residents. The treatments, which were given by Mrs. Keay, proved successful and it would appear that the Clinic is well worth while.

